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KOODANKULAM TRANSMISSION LINE
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Koodankulam transmission line pass above populated areas and plantations in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether the Government has decided final settlement of compensation to the victims of above said project;

(c) if so, whether the Government has decided to upgrade the existing 220 KV line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) : The route alignment of 400kV Edamon-Muvatlupuzha (Cochin) Transmission line, under Kudankulam Transmission Project, passes through Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Kottayam and Ernakulam districts of Kerala. All efforts have been undertaken during the surveys to minimize the passing of transmission line through populated areas and plantations.

(b) : In case of transmission lines, special compensation package has been given by Government of Kerala vide GO(Rt) No. 581/2010/RD dated February 4, 2010 & GO(Rt) No. 2674/10/RD dated June 4, 2010 towards utilization of affected land along the route alignment. However, final settlement of compensation has not been done so far.

(c) & (d) : Government of Kerala had set up a seven member Committee to examine any other feasible/ practical alignment in the segment of Edamon − Cochin sector where works have been interrupted or whether the existing alignment would be enough for 400kV transmission line. The Committee comprising of senior officials from KSEB, PGCIL and representative from Action Council in its report have studied three options (i) using corridors of existing 220kV lines, (ii) alternate route through Kuttanad, and (iii) original route proposed by PGCIL.

In the report, the Committee has brought out the issues involved in all the three options and it is observed that utilization of RoW of existing 220kV lines involves much larger and complex issues besides being a costly proposition. Accordingly, it has been recommended to adopt the original route proposed for the construction of Edamon − Cochin section.